



# State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

## 57th Montana Legislature

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April 6, 2002

TO: All Legislators who may request bill drafts  
Public Employees' Retirement Board  
Teachers' Retirement Board  
Benefit Director, Commissioner of Higher Education  
Public Employee and Retiree Organizations  
Interested Persons (for retirement issues)

FROM: Sheri Heffelfinger, Research Analyst  
Legislative Services Division

RE: Solicitation for proposals affecting public employee retirement plans

To prepare for the 2003 Legislative Session and provide maximum opportunity for all parties to develop well-crafted and coordinated public retirement plan legislation, the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee (SAIC) requests that you submit to the SAIC for review your legislative proposals regarding any of the public employee retirement plans.

If you are interested in proposing legislative changes to any of the public employee retirement plans, please **fill out the attached form** and return it as indicated on the form by **June 12, 2002**. You may fill out and **submit this form electronically** by accessing the SAIC's internet web site at the following address:

[http://leg.mt.gov/Interim\\_Committees/StateAdministration\\_VeteransAffairs/index.htm](http://leg.mt.gov/Interim_Committees/StateAdministration_VeteransAffairs/index.htm).

State agencies may submit an agency executive budget worksheet in lieu of this form.

On **June 21, 2002**, the SAIC will receive copies of each proposal submitted for review as well as background information on each of the retirement systems. The SAIC will hold a public hearing on **July 26, 2002**, for each proposal submitted. The SAIC's findings and recommendations related to estimated fiscal and policy implications of each proposal will be reported to the 58th Legislature. This process will expedite the bill drafting process, allow potential problems to be resolved prior to the session, and facilitate decision making during the 2003 Session.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (406) 444-3596 or at [sheffelfinger@mt.gov](mailto:sheffelfinger@mt.gov).

Thank you for your time, interest, and participation.

## Proposal for Retirement Plan Legislation (for the 2003 Legislative Session)

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PROPOSER'S NAME/TITLE:  
ORGANIZATION:  
ADDRESS:  
PHONE:  
FAX:  
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1. What is the problem or issue?
2. What do you want the legislation to do?
3. If possible, please list the MCA (Montana Code Annotated) sections that would need to be amended.
4. Which retirement plan or plans would be covered by the legislation? (If the proposal is limited to certain plans, please indicate why.)

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5. If the proposed change requires additional funding, what funding sources do you propose (e.g., an increase in employer contributions, employee contributions, or both)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Has similar legislation has been requested in the past, been introduced in another state, or provided as a model act? If so, please provide a citation, reference, or point of contact.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. If you are a hold over senator or a legislative candidate running unopposed, do you want the Legislative Services Division staff to consider this a bill draft request?

*\*Please be sure to return this form by **June 12, 2002.***